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to John, Lisa, Laura, Roni, Susan, Lauren, Northampton, Merridith, Brett, Taylor, Karen, me

Dear John,

Thank you again for your response to my e-mail. I am writing to everyone this time to follow up.

It seems that the decision was made again this last Friday not to pause. I'd like to renew my request that "the COVID-19 advisory committee and the Superintendent...share the basis for each week's decision, including the data on which it is based...[I]f there is a finding that there is currently no need for a pause, it would be very helpful to know under what conditions a pause would be recommended or put in place, and conversely, if the committee and superintendent decide that a pause is necessary, it would be helpful to know what would enable the pause to be lifted."

I'm quoting there from the webpage I made for my public comment to the school committee last week, linked in an earlier e-mail below (a quick data update: the number of new cases has continued to rise. Hampshire County set another record with 369 for the week ending Dec. 14th – a daily average of 33 per 100K).

Thank you too for sharing Health Director O'Leary's letter to the school committee with the community – that seems like a useful step in the direction of transparency. In particular, it is good to know that contact tracing is proceeding successfully. It'd be great if further details on the contact tracing data could be shared, so we could better understand the basis of 95% success rate in the community and 100% in the schools.

All the best,
Joe.



Annie Thompson <anniethompson@northampton-k12.us> Dec 16, 2020, 2:25 PM

to Joe

Good afternoon Joe,

Dr. Provost asked me to send you this weekly data review from the JLMC (attached). Please let me know if you have any further questions I could help answer.

Thanks, Annie

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